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SECTION I. ELECTIVE SURGERY

1. The term "Elective Surgery" as here used does not apply to battle casualties.

2. Major elective surgery may be performed in this theater only if the patient can be returned to duty within sixty (60) days and if convalescence can be continued in the hospital performing the operation or in a convalescent hospital. Hospitals will not perform major elective surgery on patients and then transfer them to other station or general hospitals. Exceptions to the sixty (60) day period may be waived under the following conditions:

a. Key personnel.

b. Malignant disease, where delay might jeopardize the patient's life,

c. Conditions where the continuance or aggravation of the disease might jeopardize the patient's life. Example: Impacted common duct stone.

3. Major elective surgery and minor elective surgery may be performed in all general and station hospitals except those wholly specialized, such as NP or Convalescent.

4. The following conditions will not be operated upon in ETO:

a. Direct, recurrent and bilateral inguinal herniae.

b. Intra-ocular surgery and external ocular surgery, except operations for squint.

5. The operations listed in par 4 will not be performed at station hospitals unless such patients can be transferred direct to duty or to a convalescent hospital, and not to a general hospital.



SECTION II. MONTHLY RECAPITULATION OF ITEMS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FROM ISSUE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. A monthly recapitulation of all medical items currently suspended from issue and administration will be published by this office in circular letter form for distribution to all medical installations in the theater. An initial list for the month of April is herewith given:

<u>ITEM NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MANUFACTURER</u>	<u>LOT NO</u>
1168800	Diodrast solution, 30 cc: NNR	Vial	Winthrop	JU-655 EW-656
1595002	Antipneumococcic serum, typing, mixture B, 5 tests:	Pkg	National Drug Co.	6513-6 7750
1608800	Plasma, normal human, dried, 500 cc:	Pkg	Ben Venue	All
1608900	Plasma, normal human, dried, 250 cc:	Pkg	Ben Venue	All
1608900	Plasma, normal human, dried, 250 cc:	Pkg	Sharpe & Dohms	228395

2. Commanding Officers of all medical installations will be responsible for the proper dissemination of this information within their organizations and will take all necessary steps to insure that none of the items currently suspended are administered in the care of sick and wounded.

SECTION III. PROCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE, B. P. (BOOTS)

1. Procaine Hydrochloride, B. P. (Boots) made by the Boots Pure Drug Co. Ltd. has been determined to be unsuitable for use. All medical installations will survey all quantities of this item on hand in accordance with existing regulations.

SECTION IV. AMENDMENT TO CURRENT DIRECTIVE

1. Par 3a (2), Circular Letter No. 147, Off Ch Surg, "Artificial Eye Procurement", 30 December 1944, is amended by the deletion of the following:

127th Gen Hosp Nancy.

By order of the Chief Surgeon:

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